

Franklin County Council September 11, 2007
County Council meeting room @ 7:00 p.m.

Those present:

Brad Spurlock
Hollie Sintz
Kenneth Rosenberger
Carroll Lanning
Martha Bergman
Jeff Koch

Elected officials:

Eric Roberts

Judge J. Steven Cox
Don Vonder Meulen

Franklin County Auditor:

Carol L. Monroe

*Donald "Butch" Williams opens meeting with pledge; takes a moment of silence for 9-11

I. Review

a. Public Health Coordinator Fund 4560

- i. Donald "Butch" Williams – according to my notes we did give her a raise
- ii. Brad Spurlock – this is grant money?
- iii. Carol L. Monroe – yes
- iv. Brad Spurlock – don't see any problem
- v. Donald "Butch" Williams – everyone in agreement, we are staying with \$50,000.00 as asked for?
- vi. Carroll Lanning – we left that page alone. Will they be eligible for longevity
- vii. Carol L. Monroe – no, it is a contract

b. Sheriff

- i. Carol L. Monroe – he had stated he wanted the back pay in 2008 for the raise he would have gotten with the prosecutor from July 1 through Dec 31.
- ii. Judge J. Steven Cox – the counties policy ties his salary with the state employees and our runs July through June.
- iii. Donald "Butch" Williams – right now there is not a contract with the sheriff
- iv. Judge J. Steven Cox – we know until the legislature meets again, we will get what the state employees get
- v. Donald "Butch" Williams – I would feel obligated to do it Jan 1, but to make it retroactive-?
- vi. Carroll Lanning – we don't have a contract now with this sheriff?
- vii. Carol L. Monroe - yes, but it ran out
- viii. Judge J. Steven Cox – don't you have to do that annually?
- ix. Carol L. Monroe - yes
- x. Donald "Butch" Williams – do we raise it to the department request and he is asking for compensation from July 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2007?
- xi. Hollie Sintz – If I was sheriff I would feel I should get that
- xii. Carroll Lanning – the understanding he has is he gets the 60%.
- xiii. Brad Spurlock – don't see anything to change on the contract
- xiv. Donald "Butch" Williams – Reads Indiana Code 36-2-13.
- xv. Brad Spurlock – move to pay sheriff 60% of the prosecutor's minimum salary
- xvi. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
- xvii. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried. Now the change came about 2007/it went into effect. The back pay, what do we do? We did not budget for that increase. Would it be fair to say it would be half of the difference between this year and next?
- xviii. Carroll Lanning-are we going to run into this problem again July one if this happens again.
- xix. Hollie Sintz – could we just take it out of contingency?
- xx. Donald "Butch" Williams – it would have to be a completely different line
- xxi. Brad Spurlock – if he is paid like all of the other county employees, there is nothing we can do about it. The way you read it, he just loses out on six months; that is the way it sounded to me. Unless he can show something else.
- xxii. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads email from Tammy White “Our audit position is that IC 36-2-13-2.8 may be used to set the minimum salary of the County Sheriff. Therefore, if the County Council chooses to use this method they would set the Sheriff's compensation based on the Prosecuting Attorney's salary at the time it is set. If the Council wants to provide an increase for the amount of increase the Prosecuting Attorney's received July 1 (set on the State's fiscal year) then they may include that in the next salary ordinance since the code states that this is a minimum. The salary set may be higher.”

c. Magistrate Supplement

- i. Donald "Butch" Williams – we did give that

d. Eric Roberts meeting

- i. Carroll Lanning – according to Eric (Reedy) we can get all of that back on salaries. Operating part of the extra court.
- ii. Eric Roberts – 25% of capital
- iii. Carroll Lanning – it has to be put in to get the appeal
- iv. Don Vonder Meulen – he said it didn't specify, just said new court
- v. Donald "Butch" Williams – it is a means of us gaining revenue for our growth
- vi. Carroll Lanning – you will know by January 1 whether or not you have been approved
- vii. Donald "Butch" Williams – it would be \$4.10 on a \$100,000.00 home

e. Deputy Prosecutor

- i. Donald "Butch" Williams – we didn't agree to add anyone

- f. Holiday pay on sheriff
 - i. Eric Roberts – there are 14 holiday
 - ii. Donald "Butch" Williams – we didn't do anything, so the figures you have down would be correct. whatever was asked for in holiday pay (minus \$22,000 matron error) is what we are giving them
- g. Health Insurance
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams – just go make it official up the health insurance for the new employees of about \$53,000.00 extra. –do it
- h. E-911 part time
 - i. Donald "Butch" Williams – part time help
 - ii. Tracy Lightfield – most counties use 911 only for equipment and operate out of county general
 - iii. Donald "Butch" Williams – it has decreased the last four years
 - iv. Tracy Lightfield – the breakdown is based on vacation, training, etc. I am operating now with two part time people that can work one day a month. I was going to turn in a transfer of funds for \$8,000.00 to cover a medical leave from earlier this year. I am going to be working solo on Wednesday nights because I don't have a dispatch.
 - v. Brad Spurlock – thirty-eight (thousand) is the highest it has been the last three years
 - vi. Hollie Sintz – if there is not enough revenue?
 - vii. Carroll Lanning – if we give you the fifty-five (thousand) and you don't use it all can you put it towards new equipment
 - viii. Tracy Lightfield – yea, that is what I am doing now. I tried to figure it out to every hour of every day
 - ix. Carroll Lanning – it would be just as well to leave it there than for her to come back and ask for additional funds
 - x. Kenneth Rosenberger – move to make \$50,000.00 for extra part time help
 - xi. Carroll Lanning – seconds the motion
 - xii. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- i. EMS/ALS
 - i. Bill Shirmer – distributes budget to council. Basically it is a \$350,000.00 project and we are asking council for \$225,000.00. Health insurance cost, I used the number you used. I would like to see if this board; we requested \$75,000 to keep basic in place. Would like to continue to table the A.L.S. and work with this. Really what I would like to see the \$75,000 we requested. I was confused when it said \$75,000.00; not \$75,000.00 or best offer. If financing is not available, we would have to go back to the drawing board. I looked at other county offices and just today, Ripley County has four squads and BLS is \$175,000.00. They have an A.L.S. system that is county owned. My pitch was it would be greatly appreciated. I read that someone lives 11 miles from the hospital and it is not always convenient that we have a problem that close to a hospital.
 - ii. Carroll Lanning – the \$75,000.00 that is for?
 - iii. Bill Shirmer – that is for basic life support; the same thing we have had in the past. It is a case where we do bill people and there is income on it;
 - iv. Jeff Koch – your service area is Franklin County
 - v. Eric Roberts – anything the four EMS cover
 - vi. Carroll Lanning – if we do this appeal, EMS would have to go up to at least 55/60 thousand
 - vii. Eric Roberts – his recommendation was 60 at the very minimum (tape 2)
 - viii. Donald "Butch" Williams – there are so many things in the balance that could increase our taxes I would hate to put on 50 cents. It would be a good thing to get more C.A.G.I.T. On the E.P.A., anything we can't scrape together we have to bond the rest. You never get a bill from the sheriff department, where you do bill.
 - ix. Hollie Sintz – then it bugged me that you said that if you get a bill twice and don't pay it just goes away.
 - x. Bill Shirmer – we only collect 55%. From the A.L.S. standpoint we have some things weak of our own. Mr. Wilson indicated that the numbers we are throwing up at us are ridiculously low.
 - xi. Hollie Sintz – you have not been here the last three years and you consistently received the \$45,000.00
 - xii. Brad Spurlock – when I was on the ambulance, the county paid out of the general fund then it evolved where you separated and the county helps with some of your expenses.
 - xiii. Carroll Lanning – all of the ambulances were turned over to them.
 - xiv. Bill Shirmer -we work with these volunteers and they are dedicated to hell and back. They have never backed down. If we don't have a contract by Jan. 1 you want have an EMS-
 - xv. Brad Spurlock – the county has brought you to where you are and now you are giving an ultimatum
 - xvi. Martha Bergman – you mentioned \$10,000 but actually if we put in \$10,000 we have to put it in next year and the next generation
 - xvii. Donald "Butch" Williams – if you compare us at other counties; 1-it don't matter, we pay what we can. If we bring you up to what the other counties are then we would have to bring up everyone else; the auditor is 5th from the bottom in the state of Indiana. There was not payments set up in your budget for the new building. Why not?
 - xviii. Bill Shirmer – we paid for it with cd's that were set aside to purchase ambulances
 - xix. Donald "Butch" Williams – three years ago when the situation was made like it was; it was done at a handshake we could do what we could afford and the EMS would provide services and now you say you won't have any EMS come the first of the year and open it up for bid. I think this board is absolutely to Franklin County EMS Inc. and they will strive to do all we can do to afford. Every time this happens, I take strong offense when they come in and try to hold us hostage. Every service is important. We have to have the auditor, assessor and clerk to collect the money to provide the services. To start this kind of turmoil is-why. We are going to do all we can do.
 - xx. Bill Shirmer – the amount now is \$50,000.00? All we can do is ask county council to consider us.

- xxi. Donald "Butch" Williams – and that we will do
 - xxii. Carroll Lanning – is it going to come out that the building was done with private funds.
 - xxiii. Bill Shirmer – there is a misunderstanding.
 - xxiv. Carroll Lanning – this (EMS) board needs to come out and say this building was built by EMS funds.
 - xxv. Tracy Lightfield – at the last board meeting they talked about that at the open house.
 - xxvi. Bill Shirmer – I appreciate anything else you can do for us.
 - xxvii. Donald "Butch" Williams – are we changing anything on the EMS request or not.
 - xxviii. Carroll Lanning – if we go this route (appeal) we have to go up \$10,000.00
 - xxix. Jeff Koch – my district wouldn't benefit
 - xxx. Carol L. Monroe – but if someone from your district was at a (Franklin County) Farm Bureau meeting they would
 - xxxi. Jeff Koch – good point
 - xxxii. Carroll Lanning – our first thing is we need to know if we are going to do an appeal.
 - xxxiii. Hollie Sintz- they are a lot of what if's.
 - xxxiv. Donald "Butch" Williams – there is a whole lot of what if's. If it is true the taxpayers could spend \$4.50 on \$100.00 and get back 6/7 dollars worth of tax income that is a good investment. I don't want to raise; six months from now I could give you a different answer.
 - xxxv. Kenneth Rosenberger – I am in favor of appeal
 - xxxvi. Hollie Sintz – no
 - xxxvii. Brad Spurlock – no
 - xxxviii. Martha Bergman – we have to
 - xxxix. Carroll Lanning – it is the only way to raise taxes down the road and keep the budget under control
 - xl. Jeff Koch – we are going to have to go with the appeal
 - xli. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads **Resolution 2007-26**
 - 1. Brad Spurlock – motion to not do appeal
 - 2. Hollie Sintz – seconds the motion
 - 3. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion failed (three for Hollie Sintz, Brad Spurlock, Donald "Butch" Williams ; four opposed
 - 4. Carroll Lanning – move to accept resolution
 - 5. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
 - 6. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; (four for and three against); do not go down there and say they approve this. If we don't find out for a year and a half
 - 7. Bill Shirmer – you will know by Jan 1 (flip tape two)
 - 8. Carol L. Monroe – how much are you giving in B.L.S.?
 - 9. Carroll Lanning – we have to give the \$60,000.00. Motion that \$60,000.00 be put in B.L.S. in commissioners budget contingent on appeal process and \$50,000.00 if it doesn't go through
 - 10. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
 - 11. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; four for and three opposed.
- II. Adoption **Ordinance 2007-18**
- a. Donald "Butch" Williams reads ordinance
 - b. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads ordinance for second reading. All in favor; four for and three opposed.
- III. Adjourn
- a. Hollie Sintz – motion to adjourn
 - b. Brad Spurlock – seconds the motion
 - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – out a here

Those also present:

Veronica Voelker, Chief Deputy Auditor

Susan Jones, Auditor Elect

Bill Shirmer

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